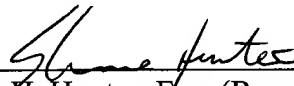


Remarks

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's rejection on the basis of double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,135,671. Applicants believe that the patent number noted by the Examiner has a typographical error and should be U.S. Patent No. 6,135,971. Applicants are currently filing a Terminal Disclaimer of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,135,971 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.321. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that affect is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

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